

Amendments to the Claims

Claim 1 (**Currently Amended**) A signal transmitter for connection to a signal receiver, the signal transmitter comprising:

a time-base compression part operable to time-base-compress an audio signal employing a video sampling clock;

a signal multiplexing part operable to multiplex the time-base-compressed audio signal and a video signal by employing a control signal, and output a video/audio multiplexed signal and the control signal to the signal receiver,

wherein the ~~control-signal~~ control signal, employed by said signal multiplexing part to multiplex the time-based-compressed audio signal and the video signal, indicates an area of a synchronizing period of the video signal where the time-based-compressed audio data is located in the generated video/audio multiplexed signal ~~a position of the time base compressed audio signal.~~

Claims 2-10 (**Canceled**)

Claim 11 (**Previously Presented**) The signal transmitter as claimed in claim 1, wherein the control signal includes a horizontal synchronizing signal and a vertical synchronizing signal.

Claim 12 (**Previously Presented**) The signal transmitter as claimed in claim 1, wherein the signal multiplexing part is operable to multiplex the time-base-compressed audio signal and the video signal when the control signal is a certain value.